

REMARKS

New claims 33-43 are presented to better define the invention. Claims 33-43 define a system for modeling design refinements whereby the data file of the model is maintained in a continuous loop fixed with respect to virtual refinements and modifications made by disparate members of an enterprise group. Successive data files of models evaluated are preserved in a continuous loop with respect to refinements; the data files of modified models become fixed, and accessible, for subsequent use. In the invention, menu selectable sources of virtual simulation model database information allow choices from a self-updating library database associated with white body model information derived from separate sources involved in the enterprise development of a mechanical assembly.

Recognizing that each member of an enterprise group is associated with a specialized function, the disparate work stations associated with the members of the task groups allow the selection of separate data files and separate program functions stored in a retrievable format assembled in menu lists. A network links work stations and the master database such that a task group member can select and retrieve discrete data file records associated with a model to be evaluated with regard to prior models developed by individual members of separate design, assembly and simulation groups involved an enterprise task. The selected model is modified and tested. Once completed, modifications made in one stage of the development are preserved and made accessible through the library for a successive manipulation in a development program.

COMMENT

Please note that the Notice of Abandonment mailed on January 28, 2009 indicates that no reply was made to the Office letter mailed on 28 May 2008. This is an apparent error as a reply to the Office letter mailed on 28 May 2008 was filed on June 10, 2008, followed by an advisory action on June 26, 2008. Although claims 1-32 are cancelled, applicants incorporate remarks distinguishing the art cited as set out in the paper filed on June 26, 2008.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the RCE, amendment, reexamination and allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestions in view of the foregoing, applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the Examiner initiate a telephone call to the undersigned.

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